

In the Claims:

Kindly cancel claims 37 and 57 without prejudice and add to claims 1 and 39, respectively, as follows:

1. (currently amended) An elongated wringable pad comprising a cover and an absorbent material in the cover, at least one rectangular piece forming the cover, plural holes in the piece, the pad having a length at least three times greater than a width of the pad to wring-out contents of the pad by twisting along the length of the pad, wherein the cover is a pocket having inward facing joints and smooth outer surfaces, and wherein the cover completely covers the absorbent material and edges of the at least one piece are joined together to prevent the absorbent material from slipping out of the pocket.

2. (original) The pad of claim 1, wherein the holes are die-cut holes.

3. (original) The pad of claim 1, wherein the holes are punched holes.

4. (currently amended) ~~The pad of claim 1,~~ An elongated wringable pad comprising a cover and an absorbent material in the cover, at least one rectangular piece forming the cover, plural holes in the piece, the pad having a length at least three times greater than a width of the pad to wring-out contents of the pad by twisting along the length of the pad, wherein the holes are spaced on one-half inch centers of the cover.

5. (original) The pad of claim 1, wherein the absorbent material is an elongated poly sponge.

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6. (original) The pad of claim 1, wherein the at least one piece is at least one rectangular sheet.

7. (original) The pad of claim 6, wherein the at least one rectangular sheet has opposite end-edges and side-edges.

8. (original) The pad of claim 7, further comprising a pocket formed by joints along the side-edges and/or end-edges of the at least one rectangular sheet for receiving and holding the absorbent material in the pocket.

9. (original) The pad of claim 8, wherein the joints are seams formed by stitches.

10. (original) The pad of claim 9, wherein the pocket has the seams inward facing and smooth outer surfaces.

11. (previously presented) The pad of claim 7, wherein the at least one rectangular sheet has a fold between the end-edges about an axis forming a pocket having equal halves joined together along the side-edges.

12. (previously presented) The pad of claim 7, wherein the at least one rectangular sheet has a fold between the side-edges about an axis forming a pocket having equal halves joined together along the end-edges.

13. (previously presented) The pad of claim 7, wherein the at least one rectangular sheet has a fold medially along one side-edge and one end-edge forming a pocket having the opposite side-edges joined to each other.

14. (previously presented) The pad of claim 7, wherein the at least one rectangular sheet has a fold medially along one end-

edge forming a pocket having the opposite side-edges joined together.

15. (original) The pad of claim 6, wherein a length of the cover is about thirty seven and three-quarter inches and a width is about six and one-quarter inches.

16. (original) The pad of claim 6, wherein a length of the cover is about eighteen and three-quarter inches and a width is about twelve and one-half inches.

17. (original) The pad of claim 1, wherein the at least one piece is a chamois piece.

18. (original) The pad of claim 1, further comprising plural pieces forming the cover.

19. (currently amended) ~~The pad of claim 18,~~ An elongated wringable pad comprising a cover and an absorbent material in the cover, at least one rectangular piece forming the cover, plural holes in the piece, the pad having a length at least three times greater than a width of the pad to wring-out contents of the pad by twisting along the length of the pad, further comprising plural pieces forming the cover, wherein the plural pieces are chamois pieces.

20. (original) The pad of claim 19, wherein the chamois is sheep-skin chamois.

21. (currently amended) The pad of claim ~~18~~ 19, wherein the plural pieces are of man-made chamois cloth material.

22. (currently amended) The pad of claim ~~18~~ 19, wherein the plural pieces are at least four pieces forming the cover.

23. (original) The pad of claim 22, wherein the pieces are rectangular pieces.

24. (original) The pad of claim 23, wherein each piece is about nine and one-half inches in length.

25. (original) The pad of claim 23, wherein each piece is about six and one-quarter inches wide.

26. (currently amended) ~~The pad of claim 23,~~ An elongated wringable pad comprising a cover and an absorbent material in the cover, at least one rectangular piece forming the cover, plural holes in the piece, the pad having a length at least three times greater than a width of the pad to wring-out contents of the pad by twisting along the length of the pad, further comprising plural pieces forming the cover, wherein the plural pieces are at least four pieces forming the cover, wherein the pieces are rectangular pieces, and wherein the pieces are of chamois material.

27. (previously presented) The pad of claim 23, further comprising connections for connecting the four pieces.

28. (original) The pad of claim 27, wherein the connections are stitched seams.

29. (original) The pad of claim 28, wherein the seams are formed along side-edges and end-edges of the at least four rectangular pieces positioned as paired-pieces placed on top of one another for alignment of the side-edges and end-edges for receiving stitches to join each of a pair of two smaller rectangular pieces to the other.

30. (original) The pad of claim 28, wherein the seams are formed along two longer parallel side-edges and one end-edge.

31. (original) The pad of claim 30, further comprising a pocket formed by the stitched seams.

32. (original) The pad of claim 31, wherein the pocket has the connections facing inwards and smooth outer surfaces after turning the pocket inside-out.

33. (original) The pad of claim 32, wherein the absorbent material is an elongated poly sponge inserted into the pocket.

34. (previously presented) The pad of claim 28, wherein the at least four pieces with the seams form a pair of elongated pieces of chamois with outward facing seams, said seams being in a center of an elongated sheet of chamois formed by the connections of the four pieces together prior to insertion of the absorbent material.

35. (original) The pad of claim 34, further comprising a pocket formed when the at least four pieces joined by the seams are turned inside-out, and wherein the pocket has the seams facing inwards and smooth outer surfaces.

36. (currently amended) The pad of claim ~~±~~ 26, wherein the cover is a pocket having inward facing joints and smooth outer surfaces.

37. (cancelled)

38. (original) The pad of claim 36, wherein at least one of the edges joined together has outward facing seams.

39. (currently amended) An elongated wringable pad

comprising an absorbent material, a cover enclosing the absorbent material, the cover comprising first and second elongated opposite side portions disposed between top and bottom elongated portions, and first and second opposite end portions disposed between the top and bottom elongated portions and between the first and second elongated side portions, the absorbent material having a complementary shape for fitting within the cover, and the cover having a plurality of openings for wringing-out contents of the pad by twisting along the length of the pad, wherein a length of the pad is at least three times greater than a width of the pad.

40. (previously presented) The pad of claim 39, wherein the plurality of openings are disposed in the top portion of the cover.

41. (previously presented) The pad of claim 39, wherein the plurality of openings are disposed in the bottom portion of the cover.

42. (previously presented) The pad of claim 39, wherein the plurality of openings are disposed in the first side portion of the cover.

43. (previously presented) The pad of claim 39, wherein the plurality of openings are disposed in the second side portion of the cover.

44. (previously presented) The pad of claim 39, wherein the plurality of openings are disposed in the first and second elongated side portions of the cover.

45. (previously presented) The pad of claim 39, wherein the plurality of openings are disposed in the top and bottom elongated portions of the cover.

46. (previously presented) The pad of claim 39, wherein the plurality of openings are disposed in the first and second opposite end portions.

47. (previously presented) The pad of claim 39, wherein the plurality of openings are disposed in the portions of the cover selected from the group consisting of the top elongated portion, the bottom elongated portion, the first elongated side portion, the second elongated side portion, the first end portion, the second end portion, and combinations thereof.

48. (previously presented) The pad of claim 39, wherein the cover further comprises connections.

49. (previously presented) The pad of claim 48, wherein the connections are seams having seam edges on the cover turned inwards towards the absorbent material and having smooth outer surfaces on all the portions of the cover.

50. (previously presented) The pad of claim 49, wherein the connections are on the first elongated side portion.

51. (previously presented) The pad of claim 49, wherein the connections are on the second elongated side portion.

52. (previously presented) The pad of claim 49, wherein the connections are on the first end portion.

53. (previously presented) The pad of claim 49, wherein the connections are on the second end portion.

54. (previously presented) The pad of claim 49, wherein the connections are on the top elongated portion.

55. (previously presented) The pad of claim 49, wherein the connections are on the bottom elongated portion.

56. (previously presented) The pad of claim 49, wherein the connections are disposed on the portions of the cover selected from the group consisting of the top elongated portion, the bottom elongated portion, the first elongated side portion, the second elongated side portion, the first end portion, the second end portion, and combinations thereof.

57. (cancelled)

58. (previously presented) The pad of claim 39, wherein lengths of the first and second elongated side portions and of the top and bottom portions are at least three times greater than widths of the first and second end portions.